

# FACT SHEET



## Water--How to Count Your Savings



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<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>NORMAL USE</i>	<i>CONSERVATION USE</i>
Flushing	Depends on Tank Size 5-7 gallons	Displacement bottles in tank 4 gallons
Showering	Water Running 25 gallons	Wet down, soap down with water off, rinse 4 gallons
Bathing	Tub Full 40 gallons	Minimal water level 10-12 gallons
Shaving	Tap Running 15 gallons	Plug and Fill Basin 1 gallon
Brushing Teeth	Tap Running 5 gallons	Wet brush, turn water off, rinse 1/2 gallon
Washing Hands or Face	Tap Running 2 gallons	Plug and Fill Basin 1 gallon
Drinking	Run Water to Cool 1 gallon	Keep Water in Refrigerator 8 ounces
Cleaning Vegetables	Tap Running 3 gallons	Fill Pan with Water to Clean Vegetables 1/2 gallon
Dishwasher	Full Cycle 16 gallons	Short Cycle 7 gallons
Dishes by Hand	Tap Running 30 gallons	Wash and Rinse in Dishpan or Sink 5 gallons
Washing Clothes	Full Cycle, Top Water Level 60 gallons	Short Cycle, Minimal Water Level 27 gallons

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